## Improvement of Methane Combustion Activity for Pd/ZrO<sub>2</sub> Catalyst by Simple Reduction/Reoxidation Treatment

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Figure S1. N<sub>2</sub>-sorption isotherms of  $ZrO_2$  support and Pd/ $ZrO_2(x)$  catalysts. X in parenthesis means calcination temperature in Celsius degree.

Table S1. The quantitative results obtained from cyclic temperature-programmed reactions over Pd/ZrO<sub>2</sub>(700) catalyst

Number of cycles	T <sub>5</sub> (°C)	T <sub>50</sub> (°C)	T <sub>80</sub> (°C)
1st	388	436	457
2nd	364	423	448
3rd	364	423	446

\* T<sub>5</sub>, T<sub>50</sub>, and T<sub>80</sub> were calculated from the heating cycles.



Figure S2. Methane conversion of  $Pd/ZrO_2(x)$  catalysts during activation period at 500 °C for 1 h.



Figure S3.  $CH_4$ -TPR profiles of activated  $Pd/ZrO_2(x)$  catalysts being deconvoluted into two different reduction peaks.

	Peak position (°C)		
Sample	(Relative portion, %)		
	β	γ	
Pd/ZrO <sub>2</sub> (500)	284.5 (41.3)	306.6 (58.7)	
Pd/ZrO <sub>2</sub> (600)	278.7 (52.6)	296.5 (47.4)	
Pd/ZrO <sub>2</sub> (700)	275.4 (53.0)	295.2 (47.0)	
Pd/ZrO <sub>2</sub> (800)	276.1 (41.0)	295.4 (59.0)	
Pd/ZrO <sub>2</sub> (900)	356.6 (34.2)	369.9 (65.8)	

**Table S2.** Quantitative results calculated from CH<sub>4</sub>-TPR profiles of Pd/ZrO<sub>2</sub>(x) catalysts in Figure S3.



Figure S4. TEM image of the Pd/ZrO<sub>2</sub> (700) catalyst.